informing an external device connected to said data processing apparatus of the determined result of the job if said determining step determines that the external device is to be informed of the result of the job.

## REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-15 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1, 6, 13, and 15 are the independent claims.

Claims 1-5 were previously allowed. These claims have not been amended. Thus, it is submitted that Claims 1-5 remain allowable.

Claims 6, 13, and 15 have been amended. No new matter is believed to have been added.

Initially, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward their representative during the personal interview of January 21, 2003. As indicated on the Interview Summary form, at the interview it was agreed that the claims presented in the Request for Reconsideration filed August 15, 2002 patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Applicants have amended Claims 6, 13, and 15 to even more clearly define Applicants' invention. Applicants submit that these amendments do not affect the patentability of these claims based on the reasons discussed at the interview.
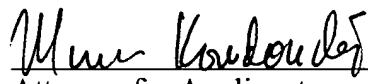
For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the independent claims patentably define the present invention over the citations of record. Further, the dependent

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claims should also be allowable for the same reasons as the base claims from which they depend and further due to the additional features that they recite.

Favorable consideration and passage to issue of the present application at the Examiner's earliest convenience earnestly are solicited.

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## VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE CLAIMS

6.    (Twice Amended)  A data processing apparatus comprising:

connection means for connecting to an external device;

input means for inputting (i) an instruction to execute a job and (ii) an instruction regarding whether the external device is to be informed of a result of a processing of the job;

processing means for processing the job based on the instruction input by said input means; and

informing means for informing the external device of the result of the job processing executed by said processing means through said connection means when the external device is to be informed of the result of the job processing.

13.    (Twice Amended)  A control method of a data processing apparatus executing a job, comprising the steps of:

discriminating a result of a job executed by the [said] data processing apparatus;

determining if an external device should be informed of the result based on an input regarding whether the external device is to be informed of a result of a processing of the job; and

informing an external device connected to said data processing apparatus of the

discriminated result to the job if said determining step determines that the external device is to be

informed of the result of the job.


15.　(Twice Amended)　A computer readable program, stored in a storage medium,

for controlling a data processing apparatus executing a job, said computer readable program

comprising the steps of:

discriminating a result of a job executed by the [said] data processing apparatus;

determining if an external device should be informed of the result based on an input

regarding whether the external device is to be informed of a result of a processing of the job; and

informing an external device connected to said data processing apparatus of the

determinated result of the job if said determining step determines that the external device is to be

informed of the result of the job.